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1. All ferroalloys made in the West commercially are made in Czechoslovakia. Research on new alloys is being carried out by the Research Institute of the Ministry of Metallurgic Industry and Ore Mines in Prague. 25X1
2. As of May 1954, the Czech requirement for nickel for the calendar year 1954 was 1,000 metric tons. This would be used in the production of approximately 8,000 metric tons of alloys. The primary source of Czech nickel since 1951 has been the USSR.
3. The source of the steel industry's molybdenum is unknown, but it appears that molybdenum concentrates may be coming from Pribram (N49-42, E14-01).
4. The external sources of the Czech metals' industry's supply of cobalt, ferro-molybdenum and vanadium are unknown. 25X1

In addition, it is rumored that a small percentage of the requirements have been obtained by smuggling or illegal shipments.
5. For 1955, the Czechs are currently seeking a total of 500 tons of refined ferro-manganese.
6. The present Czechoslovak consumption of ferrochrome is 8,000 metric tons per annum. Of this, 3,000 tons is imported from the USSR and Yugoslavia. 25X1

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7. Metallurgical-grade chromite is imported into Czechoslovakia from Albania and the Soviet Union. The best, and all that is consumed in Czechoslovakia, comes from the USSR. For some unknown reason, all, or almost all, of the chromite imported from Albania is re-exported. The purchasing country is not known.
8. The Czechs are currently seeking 2,000 metric tons of ferrosilicon in their trade agreement. This will presumably supply their total import requirements for ferrosilicon. 25X1

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9. At the present time ferromanganese is not produced from ores other than those imported from the USSR. Low-grade domestic ores are not used for the production of spiegeleisen.
10. Czechoslovakia is not presently exporting ferroalloys except to the USSR and Communist China. The nature and extent of these exports are not known.

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